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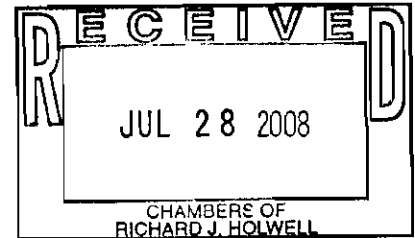
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July 28, 2008

BY FACSIMILE

The Honorable Richard J. Holwell  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007



Re: United States v. Ramon Antonio Rijo  
08 Cr. 645 (RJH)

Dear Judge Holwell:

An initial status conference in the above-referenced matter is scheduled for July 31, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. The Government respectfully submits this letter to request the exclusion of time from today until July 31, 2008, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(8)(A). This request is made, in the interest of justice, in order for the Government to begin producing discovery and for the parties to discuss a potential disposition of this case. I have spoken with defense counsel Nicolas Velez, Esq., and he consents to this request.

Application granted  
for the reasons stated  
above. This is scheduled  
from today to 7/31/08  
SO ORDERED  
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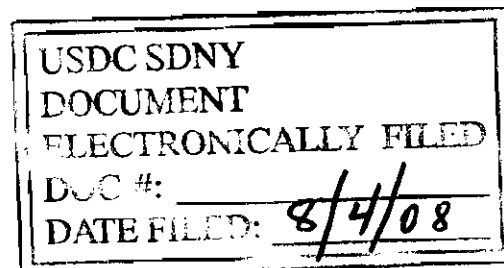
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